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Sir:

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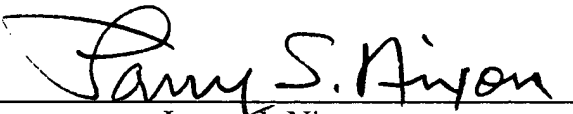
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Accordingly, it is urgently requested that formal written communication be established in this case with the issuance of a formal filing receipt at the earliest opportunity.

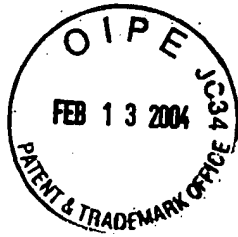
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